WHEREAS, November 17, 1925, marked the entry into the state of marital bliss of Arthur C. Bergeson and Mary A. Olesen; and,

WHEREAS, Mary and Art spent the first five years of their marriage residing on Arthur's parents' homestead, and in 1930 moved onto a farm near Hayes, South Dakota, where they have lived since that time; and,

WHEREAS, Art and Mary are the parents of four children: Arthur C. of Hayes, and Donald, Ruth and Daniel, all of Pierre, who have in turn gifted their parents with ten grandchildren and one-great grandchild, who just made his entrance into the world in October of this year; and,

WHEREAS, After raising their own four children, Mary and Art became parents for the fifth time upon the adoption of Ronald D. Bergeson; and,

WHEREAS, The adoption of Ronald began an entire new family for Art and Mary, as over the period of the next twenty years they opened their home and hearts to the sum total of thirty-four children of varying races and ages; and,

WHEREAS, Along with keeping busy with their family, Mary and Art have been very active in church and community affairs, both being members of the Grace Lutheran Church at Hayes, and Art having served on the School Board of Trail District Ninety-Four; and,

WHEREAS, We in South Dakota are proud and fortunate to have among our citizenry such outstanding couples as Mary and Art, who, as they look back over their fifty years of marriage, and sharing and caring for other people, must feel something which all too few people experience--the knowledge of how it feels to "Let the little children come"; and,

WHEREAS, The world is certainly a better place because these two people were joined in union fifty years ago, and the Golden Anniversary of their marriage is worthy of particular recognition in the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 17, 1975, as

ART AND MARY BERGESON DAY

in South Dakota, and do urge their many friends and relatives to join with them in celebration of this event.

R F Kneip

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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